

**July 31, 2003**

# **Montana Medicaid Notice**

## **Hospital, Physician, Mid-Level Practitioner, RHC, FQHC and IHS Providers**

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### **CMS-1500 Providers in the Emergency Room**

Effective August 1, 2003, PASSPORT authorization is not required on CMS-1500 claims for place of service 23 (emergency room) since PASSPORT authorization is not required for emergencies. If the emergency service is on the pre-approved list of emergency diagnosis codes or procedure codes 99284 or 99285 the claim will be reimbursed as an emergency if the claim meets all other billing requirements. After August 1, 2003, the Department will monitor emergency claims with PCP approval that may have been paid in error and those claims will be adjusted. Please refer to the website, [www.mtmedicaid.org](http://www.mtmedicaid.org), for the pre-approved list of emergency diagnosis codes. If the service did not meet one of the emergency diagnosis codes or emergency procedure codes, but the medical professional rendering the medical screening and evaluation believes an emergency existed, please send the claim and documentation to the Department review contractor at: Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation, 3404 Cooney Drive, Helena, MT 59602. Cost sharing is not taken for emergencies; cost sharing will be taken for non-emergencies.

### **Contact Information**

For more information, visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837**

**In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958**